

## House Resolution 932

By: Representative Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. Glenn Berns and expressing regret at his passing; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia recently lost one of its finest and most distinguished  
4 citizens with the tragic and untimely passing of Mr. Glenn Berns; and

5 WHEREAS, he was born on October 4, 1943, and died April 3, 2007; and

6 WHEREAS, after retiring from banking software sales out of St. Petersburg, Florida, Glenn  
7 and his wife of 45 years, Nancy, settled in Blue Ridge, Georgia, in the spring of 2000; and

8 WHEREAS, he wasted no time in positively influencing the broader community in a variety  
9 of ways, first by establishing with Nancy Sugar Creek Farm and Inn, a multiacre site for  
10 raising alpacas and providing bed and breakfast for tourist guests; and

11 WHEREAS, following the purchase and renovation of an abandoned downtown structure,  
12 Glenn opened Georgia Mountain Fiber, a manufacturing and sales facility for alpaca fiber  
13 and alpaca fiber products; and

14 WHEREAS, through Hampton Square he provided renovated space for several other small  
15 businesses including a restaurant, art gallery, and the Blue Ridge Community Theater,  
16 employing 35 members of the local community; and

17 WHEREAS, he served as a board member and president of Choose Life Ministries helping  
18 to form the Right to Life Chapter in Fannin County working for pro-life causes both in  
19 church and secular venues; and

20 WHEREAS, a man of deep faith in God as a professed Secular Franciscan, Glenn founded  
21 a local Secular Franciscan fraternity in 2001; and

1 WHEREAS, Glenn demonstrated his love of the poor and needy of the community by his  
2 work in the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Habitat for Humanity, and Hospice; and

3 WHEREAS, Glenn Berns was a man for others dedicating his senior years to the service of  
4 his neighbors, his community, his country, and his God.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
6 the members of this body honor the life of Mr. Glenn Berns and express regret at his passing.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Glenn  
9 Berns.